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Online Course Helps Healthcare Professionals Better Serve Veterans and Servicemembers

Course is Part of VA's TRAIN program, which launched this month

WASHINGTON – The departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense (DoD) have announced the launch of an online continuing education course aimed at helping health care professionals better treat Veterans and Servicemembers.

The free course, *Military Culture: Core Competencies for Health Care Professionals*, is being offered to community health care providers nationwide through the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) Training Finder Real-time Affiliated Integrated Network ([TRAIN](#)), which launched earlier this month. VHA TRAIN is part of [TRAIN National](#), a comprehensive catalog of public health learning products.

"A key initiative for VHA is to advance health care innovation for Veterans and the country," said Dr. Carolyn M. Clancy, Interim Under Secretary for Health. "The availability of VHA TRAIN as a platform to share VHA's knowledge and expertise is an important milestone in achieving that goal. The Military Culture Competency Training and other courses available thru VHA TRAIN will help ensure Veteran's receive high quality health care whether it is from VA or a provider in the community."

The eight-hour, online course covers a variety of topics through interactive features, video vignettes, case examples and treatment planning scenarios. Each of the four modules within the course was developed using research, surveys and extensive interviews with Servicemembers and Veterans. For more information about the course, visit <http://www.DeploymentPsych.org/Military-Culture>.

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